

Incorporation of Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era into Teaching of Ideological and Political Theories in Colleges and Universities——A Case Study of Accomplishments in Morality and Introduction to Law

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Abstract Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era is an important achievement of the 19th National Congress of the Communist Party of China. Taking the course of accomplishments in morality and introduction to law as an example, the incorporation of Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era into teaching of ideological and political theories in colleges and universities is discussed in this article from the three following aspects of why should be incorporated, what to be incorporated, and how to incorporate to promote the spread of Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era among the student groups.

Key words Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era, Ideological and political theories, Teaching, Incorporation

1 Introduction

The report of the 19th National Congress of the Communist Party of China put forward the concept of Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era and established the guiding position of Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era in the new era. For ideological and political education workers in colleges and universities, consciously incorporating Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era into the entire teaching process of ideological and political theories to continuously improve college students' road self-confidence, theoretical self-confidence, institutional self-confidence, cultural self-confidence and to constantly enhance college students' political identity, theoretical identity, institutional identity and cultural identity is the glorious mission entrusted to us by the times.

2 Significance of incorporation of Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era into teaching of ideological and political theories in colleges and universities

2.1 Helping strengthen the party's leadership over the ideological work of colleges and universities

Since the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China, the Party Central

Committee with Comrade Xi Jinping as the core has attached great importance to the ideological work of colleges and universities. General Secretary Xi Jinping clearly pointed out at the 23rd National Party Building Work Conference that it is necessary to "strengthen thought leadership and firmly grasp the leadership of ideological work in colleges and universities". Ideological work is related to the major political direction issues of what flag to take and what road to take. College and university period is the key period for the formation of ideological identity of young students. How effective the ideological work in colleges and universities is related to the future and destiny of the development of socialism with Chinese characteristics^[1]. At present, in order to strengthen thought leadership, the key is to incorporate Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era into the specific teaching process of ideological and political theories in colleges and universities, explain to the students the historical achievements and historical changes that have taken place in the cause of the party and the state since the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China by using persuasive and infectious case materials, and teach and guide students that these historical achievements and historical changes are realized under the strong leadership of the Party Central Committee with Comrade Xi Jinping as the core, so as to inspire and motivate college students' determination and confidence to unswervingly follow the Party and enhance their ideological discernment and political judgement^[2].

2.2 Helping foster new socialist men who are responsible for the national rejuvenation

Realizing the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation is the greatest dream of the Chinese nation in modern times. The *Constitution of the Communist Party of China* adopted by the 19th National Congress of the Communist Party of

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China established the guiding position of Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era, emphasizing Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era is a guide for the whole party and the people of the whole country to strive for the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation, and must be adhered to and continuously developed for a long time. Ideological and political theory work of colleges and universities is related to the fundamental question of what kind of people to be cultivated, how to cultivate and who people are cultivated for. Therefore, the teaching of ideological and political theories in colleges and universities should be developed to the training of new socialist men who are responsible for the national rejuvenation, and guide students to deeply understand the connotation of Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era and its important guiding significance to China's current social development, so that students can clearly realize their historical mission and take responsibility.

2.3 Helping enhance the immunity of college students to wrong thinking After the end of the Cold War, how to evaluate the capitalist system and the socialist system and their destiny has received widespread attention from the theoretical circles of the East and the West. The American scholar Francis Fukuyama put forward the so-called "final conclusion". It is considered that "the end of the development of human ideology" and "the last form of human ruling" are liberal democratic system. In the late 20th century, a wave of political transformation almost swept through every corner of the world. People shouted the slogan of the overall victory of liberal democracy and rejoiced the prospect of democratization. This trend of thought has also had an impact on the thinking of college students in China. Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era advocates "a new common, comprehensive, cooperative and sustainable security concept", "open, innovative, inclusive and reciprocal development prospects" and "harmonious and eclectic civilized exchanges", realizing the transcendence of "the end of history" and Western centralism. In the teaching of ideological and political theories in colleges and universities, students are guided to further understand Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era, so that students can firmly believe in "four self-confidences" and consciously resist the influence the wrong thoughts on themselves.

3 Incorporation of Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era into the teaching content of ideological and political theories in colleges and universities

In the second semester of the 2017 – 2018 school year, Ran Long incorporated the Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era in the teaching of accomplishments in morality and introduction to law in Classes 1 – 3 of Energy and

Power Engineering of the 2017 level, and put Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era throughout the entire teaching process, which had been recognized by students and had achieved good teaching effect.

3.1 Throughout the main line in teaching: Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era is a complete theoretical system. It consists of a "total task", eight "clearness" and fourteen "persistence", and answers systematically the basic issues of what socialism with Chinese characteristics to be adhered to and developed and how to uphold and develop socialism with Chinese characteristics in the new era. In the teaching of each chapter of Accomplishments in Morality and Introduction of Law, the logical main line of Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era should be run through. This is in line with the training goal of the course: "combining the growth rules of contemporary college students, educating them on systematic values, outlook on life, morality and legal system, and helping and guiding them to apply Marxist positions, opinions and methods, correctly understand and solve problems in life and society, establish a lofty ideal of life, cultivate noble ideological and moral qualities and socialist legal awareness and civic awareness, and strengthen socialist legal concepts and legal awareness, thus making them become qualified builders and successors to the socialist cause".

3.2 Incorporating Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era into the teaching of each chapter In the lecture of ideals and beliefs, it was pointed out that Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era is the unity of inheritance and innovation. It inherits the essence of Marxism, Chinese Marxism and Chinese excellent traditional culture. Based on bold innovation in the new era, Chinese Marxism in the 21st century has been developed. Students were guided to realize that Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era has opened up a new realm of Marxism in China. In the teaching of patriotism, it was pointed out that the practice of governing the country since the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China is from the most powerful issue that people have reflected. "People are the creators of history, the masses are real heroes, and the people are the source of strength for the Party". "People's longing for a better life is the goal of struggle of the Party". The main contradictions in our society are focused on the growing needs of the people for a better life. All of these highlight the people-centered development concept and show that the Party and the state attach great importance to the interests of the people. What reason do we not love in such a country? Is there any reason not to make some contribution to the revival of the country? Students were guided to establish a concept of love the country and love socialist China. In the lectures governing the country according to law, it was pointed out that the comprehensively implementing the rule of law is an

import part of Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era, and is the basic strategy for adhering to and developing socialism with Chinese characteristics in the new era. Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era clarifies the general objectives and implementation steps of comprehensively governing the country according to law. In the new era, college students should understand, follow and apply law, and make unremitting efforts to build a country under the rule of law^[3].

Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era was incorporated into the teaching of each chapter of the course, enriching the teaching content, broadening students' horizons, inspiring students' thinking, mobilizing students' enthusiasm for accomplishments in morality and introduction to law and improving the effectiveness of the teaching of ideological and political theory courses.

3.3 Student feedback Though the teaching, the vast majority of students had a more comprehensive understanding of Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era. Student A said: "in the past, I didn't care much about these thoughts and theories, and I didn't want to know too much, feeling too political and have little to do with myself; and I discovered through teacher's lectures and studies that the previous thoughts were wrong, and Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era is closely related to each of use". Student B believes: "Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era highlights China's wisdom, conforms to China's national conditions, and is based on China's development reality; and in the new era, students should fully learn and understand this and strengthen national self-confidence". Student C agrees: "incorporating Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era into the teaching of the course keeps our college students' thinking in line with current affairs, broadens our horizons and make us keep pace with the times; otherwise, we will become a frog at the bottom of a well with limited thinking and narrow eyes, and if that's the case, how can we shoulder the historical responsibility of the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation"? From the feedback of the above students, it can be seen that incorporating Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era into the teaching of ideological and political theories in colleges and students meets the needs of students for knowledge and stimulates students' interest in learning, and the teaching effect is significantly improved.

4 Approaches to the incorporation of Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics into teaching of ideological and political theories in colleges and universities

At present, with the development of the times, the learning styles

and theoretical demands of college students have changed. Ideological and political theory workers in colleges and universities should take the initiative to adapt to these changes. In the teaching, students should be the center, and the ideological and political theory course should become a course that "students really love and benefits for life".

4.1 Strengthening theoretical cultivation, and improving teachers' ideological understanding General Secretary Xi Jinping once pointed out that teachers are the engineering of the human soul and bear the sacred mission. Evangelists must first understand and believe in the truths. Teachers of ideological and political theory courses in colleges and universities should incorporate Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era into teaching, and let Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era enter the minds of students. First of all, teachers of ideological and political theories must get through this thought. This requires teachers to study hard, constantly improve the theoretical level of socialism with Chinese characteristics, and firmly believe in the "four self-confidences" and work hard in real learning, true learning, true faith and true use. Only teachers have theories, beliefs and passions can they education and infect students, thereby guiding students to deeply understand Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era. For example, in certain teaching and research group of accomplishments in morality and introduction to law, teachers are organized to conduct political theory studies every week, focusing on the Party's major policies, the spirit of the 19th National Congress and Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era, publishing learning experiences. Combined with the teaching content of the course, how to incorporate the Thought into the textbook, into the classroom, into the mind is discussed and researched to teach by learning and benefit both teaching and learning. On the basis of this, good teaching results are achieved, students' recognition is obtained, and the effectiveness of teaching is improved^[4].

4.2 Treating students as the center, and teaching students in accordance with their aptitude During the period of the new economic policy, Lenin warned the Communist Party members in the "Russian National Electric Committee" that when conducting ideological and theoretical education for scientific and technical personnel, it is necessary to consider the characteristics of the profession they are engaged in. He reminded: "to remember, the way engineers go through to accept communist will be different from the underground propagandists and writers of the past, and they will accept communism through the results of their own science. Agronomist will follow his own way to accept communism; foresters will also follow his own way to accept communism, and so on"^[5]. These arguments are also applicable to the current ideological and political theory education in colleges and universities. The course of accomplishments in morality and introduction to law is taught to all undergraduates. As undergraduates, students of liberal arts,

science and engineering have different profession characteristics and personality expertise. In the incorporation of Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era into the teaching of ideological and political theories, students should be taught according to the characteristics and needs of different majors and students, confirming to the cognitive system of students and raising the theoretical attention of students, thus increasing the spread scope and depth of Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era among students.

4.3 Adhering to the combination of theory and practice, and innovating teaching content Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era is used to arm the minds of college students. It is necessary to give a deeper understanding of Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era. It is not enough to rely solely on theoretical indoctrination, and Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era must be closely related to the daily life of college students. This requires teachers of ideological and political theory courses in colleges and universities to innovate teaching content in the actual teaching process and adhere to integrating theory with practice. The textbook content for each lesson of accomplishments in morality and introduction to law is actually the same. If a teacher simply teaches theoretical knowledge according to the textbook, there will be no difference between traditional indoctrination and teaching. Therefore, teachers should carefully design the teaching content, link the theoretical knowledge of the textbook with the actual development, combine Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era with the daily learning and life of college students, and let students tell the story of the new era and understand the new changes in the motherland through team keynote speech or social research, making the content of the course specific and vivid, and making college students truly ideologically recognize and psychologically accept Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era. On the basis of this, college students adhere to correct political direction, thus promoting their growth.

4.4 Using new media to innovate teaching models At present, with the rapid development of the economy and the continuous advancement of Internet technology, the mode of information dissemination is therefore constantly changing. A large amount of information is continuously presented to users using advanced Internet technologies, and micro-propagation tools with Weibo and WeChat as the main representatives have been developed. Currently, these micro-propagation tools have become important ways

for college students to communicate with each other, and they affect the students' thoughts and behaviors. General Secretary Xi Jinping pointed out at the National Conference on Ideological and Political Work in Colleges and Universities that "to use new media and new technologies to make the work alive, promote the integration of traditional advantages of ideological and political work and information technology to enhance the sense of the times and attraction". Therefore, it is necessary to use the new media to effectively integrate Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era and the teaching of ideological and political theories in colleges and universities, in order to enhance the propagation of Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era in the group of college students, achieve the effect of moistening things silently, combine online and offline education, meet the needs of contemporary college students' anytime, anywhere and on-demand learning, and innovate the teaching model of ideological and political theory. In certain teaching and research group of the course of accomplishments in morality and introduction to law, the mixed teaching mode of the flip classroom is promoted in the teaching. Based on the Internet, this teaching mode completes the teaching content and teaching objectives along with teachers through two levels of online and offline and three stages of pre-class, in-class and post-class, effectively making up for the shortcomings of traditional teaching and promoting the students' self-consciousness and ideological recognition of Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era^[6].

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